

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 8-12, 14-18 and 21 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 5, 19 and 20, and add new claim 22 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, further comprising a step of switching said input mode currently employed to another input ~~mode~~: mode according to the mapping table.

Claims 3-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, further comprising a method for storing a record into said database comprising the steps of:

inputting a telephone number and in accompanied with ~~a name~~ two names associated with said telephone number;

generating a keyword according to a relation between the two names;

searching an allocation in said database by using said ~~name~~; keyword; and

storing said telephone number and said ~~name~~ two names in said searched allocation.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, ~~said name~~ wherein said two names comprising a person name ~~or~~ and a company title.

Claims 7-12. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A method of inquiring a target information on a mobile phone, comprising:

5 ~~pressing a key to input a sign~~ inputting a series of key values in association with pronunciation of the target information into a display device of the mobile phone;

~~the mobile phone converting the sign to a key word when an input mode installed therein is determined, wherein the key word~~ phone, wherein an input mode of each key value is selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of an English character, a mandarin phonetic notation and a pinyin syllable;

10 converting the key values into a keyword according to a mapping table in a database of the mobile phone;

~~performing a search~~ searching for possible information in accordance with the keyword in a database of the mobile phone ~~by using the key word;~~ phone; and selecting the target information from the ~~search.~~ possible information.

15 Claim 20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An information inquiry system for inquiring ~~a target information on~~ from a mobile ~~phone;~~ phone comprising:

a storage device ~~for~~ having an input mode conversion module, a table module and an index module, and storing a database of the mobile phone and computer executable instructions for input mode conversion and index modification; and

20 a processing device operating the computer executable instructions ~~after~~ to input a series of key values;

receiving a sign in association with pronunciation of the target information, wherein the computer executable instructions include operations of

25 ~~converting the sign to~~ said key values into a key word ~~when an input mode installed in the mobile phone is determined, wherein the~~ according to an input mode currently employed by said mobile phone, said key word is selected from the group consisting of an being input according to an input mode by using one of English character; characters, a mandarin phonetic notation notations, and a pinyin syllable; syllables;

30 ~~performing a search in~~ inquiring information from the database by using the key word; and

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~~showing the search on a display device of the mobile phone.~~ displaying a record of said information from said database.

Claim 21. (Canceled)

Claim 22. (New) The method according to claim 19, further comprising a step for generating a keyword according to the relation between a person name and a company title.